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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN SITUATION: COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
VISIT AND LOCAL REACTIONS

SUMMARY. LITTLE OF COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
MISSION TO GUATEMALA HAS ENTERED PUBLIC DOMAIN HERE.  
HE WAS CAREFUL IN CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS TO INSIST  
THAT COSTA RICAN APPROACH DID NOT CONTEMPLATE  
"INTERVENTION" IN NICARAGUAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AN  
ASPECT WHICH APPEARED TO TROUBLE INFLUENTIAL  
POLITICIANS AND AT LEAST PART OF THE MEDIA. END SUMMARY.

1. INFORMATION ON COSTA RICAN FONMIN CALDERON'S VISIT  
TO GUATEMALA SEPTEMBER 7 HAS BEEN LARGELY LIMITED  
TO HIS BRIEF COMMENTS TO GUATEMALAN REPORTERS BEFORE  
MEETING WITH HIS GUATEMALAN COUNTERPART AND PRESIDENT  
LUCAS. HE IS QUOTED AS HAVING INSISTED THAT COSTA  
RICA, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS COMPLETELY RESPECTFUL OF  
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NICARAGUAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS "NO CONCRETE FORMULA";  
RATHER, THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISITS TO CENTRAL AMERICAN  
NEIGHBORS WAS TO JOINTLY EXPLORE POSSIBLE APPROACHES  
TO THE NICARAGUAN CRISIS IN ORDER TO AVOID MORE  
BLOODSHED. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY MADE NO BONES ABOUT  
COSTA RICAN CONCERN THAT LEFT TO ITS OWN DEVICES,  
NICARAGUA WOULD FALL TO "THE COMMUNISTS." CALDERON

DESCRIBED HIS STOPS IN HONDURAS ANDSEL SALVADOR AS  
"FRUITFUL." HIS COMMENTS ON COSTA RICAN TOLERANCE OF  
EDEN PASTORA DIFFERED LITTLE FROM THOSE  
REPORTED IN SAN SALVADOR 4718.

2. VARIOUS POLITICIANS HAVE APPEARED IN  
PRINT ON THE SUBJECT, MOSTLY TAKING A NEGATIVE VIEW  
OF OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT IN NICARAGUAN DENOUEMENT.  
PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS JOSE TRINIDAD UCLES (OF PID,  
SAME PARTY AS FOREIGN MINISTER) "PERSONALLY" FOUND  
"REPUGNANT" ANY SORT OF INTERVENTION, INCLUDING CENTRAL  
AMERICAN MEDIATION. RIGHTWING OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN  
CONGRESSMAN ALFREDO LOPEZ ESTADA (MLN) SAID CENTRL  
AMERICANS SHOULD RESPECT THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.  
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CONGRESSMAN  
NAPOLEON ALFARO (PR) EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT COSTA  
RICAN MISSION WOULD PROPER EXCEPT IN UNLIKELY EVENT  
OF SOMOZA COOPERATION. COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE  
SEEMINGLY FOUND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT ONLY WITHIN THAT  
BODY'S SMALL LEFT-TENDING WING: CARLOS GALLARDO FLORES  
(PRA) REPORTEDLY SAID CALDERON'S PURPOSESWAS NOT  
INTERVENTION, BUT "AN ACT OF SOLIDARITY" WITH  
NICARAGUAN PEOPLE. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS' RECARDO  
GOMEZ APPEARED TO VOICE SIMILAR ATTITUDE.

3. EDITORIAL REACTION HAS THUS FAR BEEN LIMITED. LA  
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TARDE (LIBERAL), HARKING BACK TO 1944 OVERTHROW OF  
UBICO DICTATORSHIP IN GUATEMALA, ADAMANTLY OPPOSED  
ANY CENTRAL AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT. PRENSA LIBRE  
(MODERATE CONSERVATIVE) LOOKED WITH CAUTIOUS FA OR  
UPON COSTA RICAN APPROACH -- GOG SHOULD RECEIVE IT  
WITH "FRATERNAL SYMPATHY...AND PREDUNCE" -- AND WAS  
LESS CONCERNED WITH NON-INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE.  
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